



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4906

Introduced 1/15/2010, by Rep. Richard P. Myers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Accountability in Higher Education Act. Requires public universities in this State to develop annual academic, financial, and enrollment plans that outline (i) tuition and fee estimates, (ii) enrollment projections, (iii) how to meet State policy objectives, and (iv) accepting a number of accountability measures, including meeting benchmarks related to accessibility and affordability. Requires public universities to commit themselves formally to meeting specified State policy objectives. Requires the Board of Higher Education to be responsible for developing performance indicators to measure whether public universities in this State are meeting State policy objectives. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Accountability in Higher Education Act.

6 Section 5. Annual plans.

7 (a) Public universities in this State shall develop annual
8 academic, financial, and enrollment plans that outline all of
9 the following:

10 (1) Tuition and fee estimates.

11 (2) Enrollment projections.

12 (3) How to meet State policy objectives under Section
13 10 of this Act.

14 (4) Accepting a number of accountability measures,
15 including meeting benchmarks related to accessibility and
16 affordability.

17 (b) These plans must be submitted to the Board of Higher
18 Education no later than June 30th of each year and must be
19 reviewed by the Board for recommendations to be made each year
20 at one of the Board's regularly scheduled meetings.

21 Section 10. State policy objectives. Public universities
22 in this State must commit themselves formally to meeting the

1 following State policy objectives:

2 (1) Providing access to higher education, including
3 meeting enrollment demand.

4 (2) Providing a broad range of academic programs.

5 (3) Maintaining high academic standards.

6 (4) Improving student retention and progress toward
7 timely graduation.

8 (5) Developing uniform articulation agreements with
9 public community colleges.

10 (6) Stimulating economic development.

11 (7) If appropriate, increasing externally funded
12 research and improving technology transfer.

13 (8) Actively working with grades kindergarten through
14 12 to improve student achievement.

15 (9) Meeting financial and administrative management
16 standards.

17 (10) Making enrollment affordable, regardless of
18 income.

19 Section 15. Performance indicators. The Board of Higher
20 Education shall be responsible for developing performance
21 indicators to measure whether public universities in this State
22 are meeting State policy objectives under Section 10 of this
23 Act.

24 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
25 becoming law.